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#### ENFORCE DOG LICENSE ORDINANCE

TTEMPTS are being made, and futile ones, to enforce other town ordinances. Why not seek to put in force one that would meet with the approbation of practically all the citizens? It is the ordinance requiring that all dogs be licensed and tagged. People who care for their pet canines would not object to paying the license and the aggregate of money raised would be a material help in carrying on the affairs of the municipality.

Enforcement of this ordinance would result in the killing of all masterless dogs, the roving canines that are such a menace at this time with the rables plague such a short distance away. It would seem much more advisable to license than to muzzle dogs, although the latter would also be necessary if hydrophobia once made its appearance, but at present the greater need, in the opinion of the Bonanza, is the licensing of all dogs and the removal in painless manner of those that are not tagged.

#### ALL SEASONS ARE ALIKE

WHEN the writer was a callow youth he essayed to teach school and was assigned to a log structure in a mountain gulch, back in the Appalachians. He was informed that he could "board around" and that his salary would be \$19 per month. In reply to his comment on the meagerness of the stipend, one of the "decrectors," stroking his spinach, said: "Wall, young feller, you must realize that you are in the warm and in the dry.'

This is applicable to the majority of the workers of Tonopah and is really a consequential item these bleak mornings and blizzard swept nights. There are fully 1300 men working underground in this district and to them the seasons are all the same. Whether air, humidity and heat conditions are bad of good, in a mine they are the same throughout the year. The sun may shine, the winds may wail, the snow may fall, up there on the surface, but down where the silver and gold is matrixed n the quartz and the quartz is couched within its walls, all seasons are alike, with not a degree of variation in heat, not a percentage in humidity nor a unit of measurement of the all-necessary oxygen to supply the lungs,

For this reason it doesn't matter much to Tonopah people whether it rains or it freezes. Climatic conditions can have no power to remove jot or tittle from the total of the monthly pay check.

### GOVERNMENT AND MOVING PICTURES

S HALL the federal government act as censor for the moving pictures? The question is up for settlement now. The measure before congress will, if it becomes a law, create a federal moving picture commission of five members whose tenure shall be six years. These may appoint advisory and deputy commissioners, the annual cost of all salaries not to exceed \$40,000. The commission will be a part of the bureau of education. The commission will license every film intended for interstate commerce, unless it is obscene, indecent, immoral, inhuman, depicting prize fights or bull fights or tending to corrupt morals or to incite crime. In case the bill passes no film can be shown in any territory under federal jurisdiction unless approved by the commis-

Certainly many delicate problems are involved, among them every community's natural wish for home rule and the undesirability of creating a bureaucracy in Washington. It is not, however, true that an adequate censorship of moving pictures would lead to an invasion of the liberty of free speech and a free press.

The moving picture is here, undeniably an influential factor in modern life. The theaters are patronized chiefly by women and children, who ought to be protected from greedy and inartistic producers who make improperly sensational pictures. It must be evident to any observer that the local censorships have in too many cases fallen short of their purpose. The federal censorship would be strong enough to eliminate the obscene and corrupting pictures as thoroughly as the government has eliminated the lottery and similar evils that were beyond control in any other way

Apparently, then, such a censorship would be desirable, if controlled by broadminded and intelligent men.

### DIRECT TAXATION AND WAR.

A T the end of the nineteenth century, England had accumulated some ex-tremely acute domestic problems; her land situation, for instance, has become unbearable. The government desired to correct apparent evils; also it had a few fads to which it desired to give substance. And every time the government took a new step, the income and inheritance taxes were increased.

A government may take 5 per cent of a man's income in a good cause without much excitement in any quarter-but when it undertakes to relieve him of one-third of his income when alive, and his heirs of one-half of his property if he should die, he is apt to become tired and to think of leading a less strenuous life. Undoubtedly the heavy direct taxation of the years before the war had an influence in lessening industrial efficiency and discouraging thrift in England, and consequently in reducing England's financial margin of safety after war came.

The Democratic party in the United States drifts into schemes of direct taxation even more lightheartedly than the Liberal party in England did a few years ago. Except in the red tape imposed by a poorly drawn law, the present income tax is not burdensome upon the people. But there will be an increase in rates soon—and if the Democracy remains in power, it is a safe guess that there will be other increases at frequent intervals until we have a situation similar to that in England before the outbreak of the war.

When the resolution submitting the income tax amendment to the states was adopted, former President Taft said that congress should have power to levy and income tax, but that that power should be held in reserve for use

England has made a fetish of free trade, and so direct taxation is less disliked in that country than in the United States. But it is undoubtedly true that if England had not gone into direct taxation in such a wholesale way Offices now located on the fifth floor before the war, she would today be showing more vigor and resiliency in meeting the tremendous financial demands now made upon her.

### CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Doc. Cook has been refused admittance to Germany. His supply of gumdrops must be exhausted.—Boston Transcript,

Now who will lead a peace crusade to restore peace in what is left of the ex-Ford peace party?-Albany Journal,

If the United States goes to war with Austria, we ask the privilege of the swat at Dumba.-Nashville Tennessean. The wedding of the president will give many an old codger of fifty-seven

the courage to try again.-Orlando Reporter Star. Also the Bull Moose party seems to have adopted a watchful waiting

policy as regards the coming campaign.—Birmingham Ledger. If General Sir Douglas Haig as leader is as strong as the Haig whiskey of

Scotland he will soon overcome the enemy.-New Orleans Daily,

Earl Kitchener denies that he hasn't troubles enough at it is-that is, he says, it isn't true that he is going to be married.—Richmond Leader.

The board of health of Green county, Wis., says that the eating of lim berger cheese has reduced the death rate in that county. That may be true, but a man of taste would rather die than eat limberger cheese. Nashville Tennessean

Railroads place embargo on steel exports, huh? Must have sold out to labor's peace council.—Kanesburgh Illuminator

AFTER A YEAR'S NEW CONTROL EVERYTHING IS RUNNING SMOOTH

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Jan. 19 .- One of the most quietly and successfully accomplished tasks of the war in England was the nationalization of the railways of the kingdom. At last after more than a year of application to detail, the chairman of the executive committee in charge of the roads reports that the scheme "is working as smoothly as if the lines no longer had their own individuality.

This executive committee, which sits continuously "somewhere in London," is the general staff of the railway branch of the British government, On behalf of the government, it has absolute control of railways, rolling stock, locomotives and staffs, including every mile of steam road in Great

The committee is the strongest together. It includes the managers of

nearly all the great railroads, together with a host of specialists and technical experts specially drafted for the purpose, under the chairmonship of Sir H. A. Walker, head of the London and Southwestern lines.

LOTTERY TICKET CASE

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 19. For the first time in the history of Porto Rico a man is serving a jail sentence for violating the law prohibiting the importation and sale of lottery tickets. Manuel Cerecedo, whose sentence of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000, was recently up held by the supreme court of the United States, has surrendered himself and is now in prison.

TAKE A GLOOMY VIEW

(Hy Associated Press.)

PEKING, Jan. 19.-Most of the vernacular papers printed in the treaty ports take a very gloomy view of the action of Italy, Russia, France and England in supporting Japan's request for a postponement of the monarchial movement in China. They regard the action of the European powers as indicative of their willingness to allow body of railway experts ever brought Japan to interfere with Chinese do

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